

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of an Investigation Regarding  
Qwest's Compliance with Section 271 of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 with  
Respect to the Provisions of InterLATA  
Services Originating in Minnesota

PUC Docket No. P-421/CI-96-1114  
OAH Docket No. 12-2500-14473-2

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation  
into Qwest's Compliance with Section  
271(c)(2)(B) of the Telecommunications Act  
of 1996; Checklist items 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, and  
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PUC Docket No. P-421/CI-01-1370  
OAH Docket No. 12-2500-14485-2

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation  
into Qwest's Compliance with Section  
271(c)(2)(B) of the Telecommunications Act  
of 1996; Checklist items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13,  
and 14

PUC Docket No. P-421/CI-01-1371  
OAH Docket No. 7-2500-14486-2

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation  
into Qwest's Compliance with Section 272 of  
the Telecommunications Act of 1996's  
Separate Affiliate Requirement

PUC Docket No. P-421/CI-01-1372  
OAH Docket No. 7-2500-14487-2

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation  
into Qwest's Compliance with Section  
271(d)(3)(C) of the Telecommunications Act  
of 1996 That the Requested Authorization is  
Consistent with the Public Interest,  
Convenience and Necessity

PUC Docket No. P-421/CI-01-1373  
OAH Docket No. 6-2500-14488-2

In the Matter of the Commission's Review  
and Investigation of Qwest's Unbundled  
Network Element (UNE) Prices

PUC Docket No. P-421/CI-01-1375  
OAH Docket No. 12-2500-14490-2

In the Matter of the Request of Covad to  
Define and Price a Line Sharing over DLC  
UNE to be offered by Qwest

PUC Docket No. P-421/CI-02-293  
OAH Docket No. 12-2500-14765-2

## **TWENTIETH PREHEARING ORDER**

This matter came on for a telephone prehearing conference before Administrative Law Judge Richard C. Luis on June 25, 2002. The conference was conducted by telephone.

The following persons noted their appearances at the prehearing conference:

Robert Cattnach, Shannon Heim, Linda Sadler, and Jason Topp, for Qwest.

Ginny Zeller, Assistant Attorney General, for the Department of Commerce.

Mary Crowson, Assistant Attorney General, for the OAG-RUD.

Lesley Lehr for WorldCom.

Steven Weigler for AT&T.

Megan Dobernack for Covad.

Diane Wells, for the Commission Staff.

## **SCHEDULING ORDER AMENDMENTS**

1. Qwest requested modification of the schedule in the OSS Checklist docket (1371) due to the volume of work remaining before the scheduled hearing and unforeseen work needed in other proceedings. Prior to the telephone conference, Qwest proposed schedule changes for the docket that would move back the filing deadlines for Qwest's Reply and all Surreplies, and move the hearing to the two weeks beginning July 29, 2002 and ending August 9, 2002. Qwest affirmed that its 271 application with the FCC would be filed no sooner than October 1, 2002.<sup>[1]</sup> Other participants in the conference suggested that deadline for Qwest's Reply testimony should leave adequate time for Surreplies.

2. The schedule in the OSS Checklist docket is modified as follows: Qwest's Reply filing is due July 11, Surreplies are due July 25, 2002, the hearing will begin July 29 and continue through August 9, 2002. The anticipated date for the ALJ Report is September 13, 2002. These dates are incorporated in the attached schedule.

## **REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY MORATORIUM**

3. AT&T and Worldcom requested a moratorium on discovery requests from Qwest to begin on the revised due date for Qwest's Reply. Qwest objected to any restrictions on discovery, due to the recent movement of discovery into new areas. The

ALJ notes that issues have arisen in recent weeks for which ongoing discovery is appropriate. Therefore, the request for a moratorium on discovery is DENIED. The parties shall be mindful of the deadlines in the OSS Checklist docket and the volume of work ongoing when submitting information requests. The narrow tailoring of such requests is more likely to derive useful information and avoid imposing any undue burden on the producing party.

### **TELEPHONE STATUS CONFERENCE**

4. A status conference will be conducted by telephone on July 1, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. CDT. The parties should be prepared to discuss witness availability on the dates scheduled for hearing in the OSS Checklist docket.

Dated: June 26, 2002

/s/ Richard C. Luis  
RICHARD C. LUIS  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>[1]</sup> Qwest is free to file earlier with the FCC if the PUC concludes its consideration of the Qwest 271 Application dockets earlier than October 1, 2002.